THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to find out the number of quacks working all over the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Penal provisions already exist in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 as well as in the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 to the effect that no person other than a medical practitioner enrolled on the State Medical Register shall practice medicine in any State and any person contravening this provision shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both. The Government's of India had advised the State Government/UTs to taken action against unqualified practitioners. The State Govts, of Karnataka, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Govt, of NCT of Delhi had reported that they had initiated action against such unqualified practitioners.

Survey on the Leprosy Patients

200. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a country-wide survey had been undertaken on the leprosy patients in different States;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide proper treatment to the leprosy patients;

(d) the year by which leprosy is likely to be eradicated: and

(e) the steps taken on that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No country-wise survey has been undertaken. However, leprosy survey is conducted as a regular activity under the Programme. The State-wise detail is annexed as statement *(See below).*

(c) All 490 districts of the countrty have been sanctioned Muhi Drug Therapy (MDT) scheme by providing free treatment to all the leprosy patients.

(d) and (e) Elimination of leprosy as a Public health problem is targetted to be achieved by the year 2000 A.D. thereby reducing case load to less than one per 10,000 population.

The following steps have been taken in this direction;

(i) Decentralisation and release of funds directly to District Leprosy Societies.

(ii) Strengthening of IEC activities.

(iii) provision of adequate quantity of MDT drugs free of cost for all patients.

(iv) Strengthening of disability and ulcer care services.

(v) Strengthening of monitoring and supervision.

Statement

Statewise new Cases Detected During 1996-97

SI. No.	State/UT	New Cases Detected
1.	Andhra Pradesh	52621
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	151
3.	Assam	2405
4.	Bihar	83139
5.	Goa	372

SI. No.	State/UT	New Cases Detected
6.	Gujarat	14475
7.	Haryana	216
8.	Himachal Pradesh	349
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	432
10.	Karnataka	19589
11.	Kerala	5765
12.	Madhya Pradesh	36300
13.	Maharashtra	40983
14.	Manipur	270
IS.	Meghalaya	66
16.	Mizoram	34
17.	Nagaland	67
18.	Orissa	42252
19.	Punjab	1138
20.	Rajasthan	6363
21.	Sikkim	42
22.	Tamil Nadu	63589
23.	Tripura	212
24.	Uttar Pradesh	64640
25.	West Bengal	27907
26.	A & N Islands	89
27.	Chandigarh	258
28.	D & N Haveli	114
29.	Daman & Diu	107
30.	Delhi	1624
31.	Lakshadeep	----------
32.	Pondicherry	522
	Total	466091

Family Planning Programmes in the. Country

201. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Family Planning programmes launched in the country;

(b) the progress of these programmes in controlling the rate of population growth in each State;

(c) the country's population expected by and of 2000 A.D. if the growth would be at the present rate; and

(d) the various incentives proposed to be given to the people during the Ninth Five Year Plan, who are planning their families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Under the National Family Welfare Programme, contraceptive Services and information are made available.

(b) A Statement is annexed *(See below).*

(c) Current projections indicate a popu lation of 1012 million by March, 2001 A.D.

(d) No • individual incentives are pro posed for adoption of contraception. A 'Community Award Scheme', however, has been proposed for the IX Five Year Plan.

Statement

Declinne in Birth Rate

State	Crude Birth Rate 1971	1995
Andhra Pradesh	29.9	24.2
Assam	34.3	29.3
Bihar	37.8	32.1
Gujarat	33.0	26.7
Haryana	35.7	29.9
Karnataka	29.6	24.1
Kerala	23.3	18.0
Madhya Pradesh	39.4	33.2
Maharashtra	29.0	24.5
Orissa	30.7	27.8
. Punjab	28.5	24.6